



## CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

### MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL June 14, 2016

**MEETING LOCATION:** Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING** Mayor Rick Danner - 6:36 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:  
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator was absent.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Garrett Norton, Boy Scout Troop 603

**III. INVOCATION** Councilman Jay Arrowood

**IV. PUBLIC FORUM** No one signed up to speak

**V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING** May 24, 2016

**ACTION** - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion that the minutes of May 24, 2016 be received as written. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- A.** Barry Davis, Captain with the Fire Department was recognized upon his retirement for his twenty-seven years of dedicated service. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift. (attachment)

**VII. PETITIONER**

- A. Mack Holiday, 101 Hillside Drive spoke to Council expressing his concerns regarding traffic on Hillside Drive and O'Neal Road.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

### Items:

**Freedom Blast** – is scheduled for Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at City Park.

**Independence Day** – Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Offices will be closed in celebration of Independence Day. All emergency operations will continue to operate. Garbage pick-up will be on a one-day delay.

**Building and Development Standards Department** – Steve Grant, City Engineer has completed the Appalachian Council of Governments Introduction to Management and Supervision course.

**Public Employee Benefit Administration (PEBA)** – notified us effective July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be an increase in the retirement rate that will be paid by both the employer and the employee. We have allocated for that in our budget. The employer will contribute 11.41% of the employee's salary into the retirement system and the employee will contribute 8.66%. It is going up one half of a percent July 1<sup>st</sup>. For those employees involved in the Police Officers Retirement System the employer contributes 13.84% and the employee will contribute 9.24%. We will notify all employees of the increase.

**Insurance Pool Program** – we participate in the insurance pool program for our worker compensation insurance and liability insurance. That program has operated very well over the last several years. When the program is successful they return funds. We will be receiving our portion under the Workers Compensation program. For those cities that participate \$2.5 Million dollars will be returned to them. Also, \$1.5 Million dollars from the Liability Insurance program will be returned. We have been notified for 2017 the Workers Compensation program will have a return of surplus, they are anticipating about \$2.5 Million dollars again. The final decision will be made once the financial statements have been audited. We've also been informed that because of claim history for all of the participating members in the program that are not anticipating a return of surplus on the liability insurance side for 2017. We do not count on these dollars and it does not affect our budget.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Driggers stated he had **1 Economic Development** matter (Property) and **1 Legal** matter (Budget) for consideration during Executive Session.

Mr. Driggers requested Council hold First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2016 (Budget Ordinance) until after Executive Session.

**IX. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. Appointees to the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport Environs Planning Commission**

Miles Nason's term expires 6/30/2016  
No nominations were made.

**B. Board of Architectural Review**

David Langley's term expires 6/30/2016  
No Nominations were made.

**C. Board of Zoning Appeals**

TD Campbell resigned effective 6/6/2016 his term expires 6/30/2018  
No Nominations were made.

**D. Planning Commission**

District 1 Don Foster's term expires 6/30/2016  
At-Large Kevin Tumblin's term expires 6/30/2016  
No nominations were made.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2016**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BCB AND PRB 2, LLC LOCATED AT 321 HAMMETT BRIDGE ROAD FROM PDR (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).**

Steve Grant, City Engineer stated the applicant requested to table the ordinance, they are looking at purchasing some adjacent property which would change the scope and size of the project.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to table First Reading of Ordinance Number 16-2016. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2016**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY MOLOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 414 JONES AVENUE FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO RM-2 (RESIDENTIAL – MULTI-FAMILY).**



Steve Grant, Director of Building and Development Standards stated a Public Hearing was held May 16<sup>th</sup>. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the request. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 17-2016. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2016  
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE CITY OF GREER PUBLIC WORKS FEE AND  
ESTABLISH A CITY OF GREER SANITATION FEE**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the ordinance.

**ACTION** - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-2016. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion was held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on one (1) **Economic Development** (Property) matter and one (1) **Legal** matter (Budget).

**ACTION** - In (7:34 p.m.) - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received the information as stated above and no action would be needed.

**ACTION** - Out (8:02 p.m.) – Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action taken after Executive Session**

**D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2016  
CITY OF GREER BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017  
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF  
GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFORE,  
LEVYING TAXES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator and David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the ordinance.

Discussion was held.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2016. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

8:24 P.M.

  
Richard W. Danner, Mayor

  
Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Notifications:

Agenda posted in City Hall and email notifications sent to The Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, GreerToday.com and the Spartanburg Herald Journal Friday, June 10, 2016.

